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TRAINING PROGRAM
REF: A) SEOUL 9862; B) SEOUL 9429; C) SEOUL 9062;
D) ROEHM NOTE COVERING LEE LETTER OF NOV. 12.

REQUEST CONCERNING EXPERTS TO PERFORM FEASIBILITY STUDY
ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR TRAINING CENTER IN KOREA
PRESENTS PROBLEM ON USE OF 661 AUTHORITY. SECTION 661
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FUNDS CLEARLY AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN ORGANIZING OR AS-
SESSING PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT-RELATED PROJECTS. FEASI-
BILITY STUDIES AS SUCH CANNOT BE FUNDED UNDER 661 AUTHOR-
ITY BECAUSE THESE STUDIES ARE END PRODUCTS WHICH WOULD
REQUIRE HOST GOVERNMENT FINANCING. IN OTHER WORDS, DR.
LEE KNOWS WHAT HE WANTS, I.E., A NUCLEAR TRAINING CENTER,

AND HE HAS DECIDED THAT A FEASIBILITY STUDY MUST BE CONDUCTED ALONG LINES HE HAS ALREADY DECIDED ON. SO WE HAVE BEFORE US THE SPECS FOR A PROJECT, NOT A REQUEST FOR HELP IN ORGANIZING A PROJECT. AS NOTED IN REF (A), DR. LEE'S PROPOSAL IS A WELL LAID OUT PROJECT, CLEARLY INDICATING THE SCOPE OF SERVICES REQUIRED, I.E., A TEAM ABLE TO CARRY OUT THE FEASIBILITY STUDY OUTLINED.

HOWEVER, AID/W WANTS TO HELP IN THIS MATTER IN AN EFFORT

TO DEVELOP REIMBURSABLE PROGRAM. IT SEEMS THAT SEVERAL MAJOR U.S. MANUFACTURERS MAY BE EAGER TO PERFORM THE STUDY DR. LEE HAS DETAILED, FOR EXAMPLE, WESTINGHOUSE, GENERAL ELECTRIC, COMBUSTION ENGINEERING, AND BABCOCK AND WILCOX. WE PROPOSE TO INFORMALLY SOUND OUT THESE FOUR FIRMS TO DETERMINE THEIR INTEREST IN CONDUCTING DR. LEE'S PROPOSED STUDY AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE OR ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS. BEFORE PROCEEDING, WE NEED ROEHM ADVICE WHETHER THIS APPROACH PRESENTS PROBLEMS. REQUEST CABLE REPLY. DECONTROL 16 DECEMBER 1977. ROBINSON

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